

1888-037 Chancery Causes: Thomas F. Saddler vs. Martha Saddler  
Lee Co.

Collins, Ely, Gibson

CA-Divorce

T-Vices

To the Hon John A Kelly Judge of the Circuit  
Court of Lee County Virginia.

Your orator Thomas F Sadler, humbly  
complaining, would respectfully show unto  
your honor, that on the day of 1879,  
he was united in marriage to his wife, Martha  
Sadler, with whom he lived happily for the  
short time of Six Months, and during this  
time he treated her kindly and affectionately,  
but from some cause unknown to your  
orator his said wife became discontented  
and cool & careless in her deportment toward  
him and left him in the short time aforesaid  
without any cause and with no excuse or  
explanation, except to remark to some of the  
neighbors that she did not marry me to live  
with me. Since leaving your orator, his  
said wife has not returned to him at anytime,  
but, he is pained to state, has been lewdly  
associating & cohabiting with other men, and  
has been guilty of repeated acts of adultery,  
and is the mother of a child, now about two  
years old, of which your orator is not the father.  
~~Your orator has not cohabited with her since he learned of her acts.~~  
The object of this bill therefore is to obtain a  
divorce from the bonds of matrimony now ex-  
isting between your orator and his said wife,  
and to effect this he prays that the said Martha  
Sadler be made the party defendant to this



bill, and answer its allegations on oath, and  
that upon a hearing a decree to this end be  
rendered in favor of your orator. And for all  
other further and general relief, May I be issued  
and may order of publication be made posted  
and published against the defendant, who is  
a nonresident of this State.

Richmond & Co. for  
Complainant.



6.6.86 to June 1. 1888  
Pr. 5.00  
A. 15.00

Thos. H. Saddler. <sup>(Pro)</sup>

Bill in Chy.

Martha Saddler.

1886. Apr. Bill filed  
and order pub.

" May & June July Contd

" Aug. O.P. completed  
& cause set for hearing  
1887 Decree Remanded to Rule

1888 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. Rules <sup>order</sup> ~~Shaw~~  
Contd, left being a  
non-resident order  
Pub. & Contd.

" 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug. Rules order Pub.  
Completed, & cause  
Set for hearing.

" Decree *finis*

80 to 90

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\* That, he at the time of filing his original bill, was, and has remained ever since, a citizen residing in said County & State and had so resided for more than one year before bringing his said suit, that he and his said wife last cohabited in said County & State and

To the Hon. J. S. K. Morrison Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County Virginia. Humbly complaining, your orator, Thomas H. Saddler, would respectfully shew unto your honor, by way of amendment to his original bill, that the adultery charged against his wife, Martha Saddler, in said original bill, occurred within less than five years before the bringing of his suit, and that the same was not committed, by her, by his procurement or connivance and that he has not cohabited with his said wife after the knowledge of the fact of her said acts of adultery.

The object therefore of said original, as well as this amended bill, is to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between your orator and his said wife, and to effect this he prays that the said Martha Saddler be made the party defendant to the said bills, and required to answer the same on oath, and that upon a hearing a decree to this end be rendered in favor of your orator. And for all further & general relief, May process issue and may order of publication be made posted and published as the law directs, against the defendant who is a non-resident of this State. And your orator will ever pray &c.

Richmond & Orr, attys  
for complainant

Thos. H. Saddler.

vs. { Amended Bill

Martha Saddler.

1888 Aug. and Bill filed

Spec not exp order

Pub. & Cont'd

" 2 Aug. Rules Order

Pub. Completed &

Cause set for hearing



Thomas L Baddler

Plff

against-

Martha Baddler

Deft.

In Chancery

This cause came on to be heard upon the bill & amended bill, ~~and~~ the order of publication duly made, posted and published against the defendant the time required by law, and the depositions of witnesses; and was argued by counsel, On consideration whereof it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the <sup>marriage heretofore solemnized</sup> ~~bonds of matrimony existing~~ between the plaintiff & defendant be and the same is hereby dissolved, and the defendant is restrained from marrying again. And the cause is stricken from the docket.

Thos. L. Saddle

vs { Decree Final

Martha Saddle

Entered C. C. B.

ps. No 3

J. A. G. Hyatt.

C. C. C.

Entered this Decree  
H. S. M.

Sept 6th 1888.



Thomas F. Saddler.

against-

Martha Saddler

Plff

Deft.

In Chancery.

On motion of the plaintiff, and for reasons appearing to the court, leave is granted him to file an amended bill, and the cause is remanded to rules.

Thos H Dobbler.

vs { Order

Martha Dobbler.

Entered Aug 27  
J. A. S. Lyatt & Co

Enter this order  
H. S. M.

Apr 4 1888.



Harriet Collins being of lawful  
age and being duly sworn  
deposes & says

Ques<sup>1st</sup> do you know Martha  
Sadler

Ans<sup>1st</sup> I do

Ques<sup>2nd</sup> do you know whether  
Martha Sadler was guilty of  
adultery after she married  
Thomas F. Sadler

Ans<sup>2nd</sup> I do

Ques<sup>3rd</sup> do you know anything  
about Thomas F. Sadler's treatment  
of Martha Sadler after their  
marriage

Ans<sup>3rd</sup> I do not know but

heard it said that he treated  
her well and further <sup>this</sup>  
deponent said not

<sup>then</sup>  
Harriet Ballins  
<sup>mark</sup>

The foregoing depositions of Wm  
S Ely & Harriett Ballins were  
taken, subscribed and sworn to  
before me at the time & place &  
for the purposes in the caption  
mentioned. Given under my  
hand

George Halliday J.  
J.P.L.C. Va

The depositions of Wm S Ely &  
Harriett Ballins taken before  
me at my office in Lee County  
Va. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day Aug. 1886. To  
be read on behalf of Thos F Sadler  
in suit in Chancery vs Martha  
Sadler, pending in Circuit Court of  
said County.

W.S. Ely being of lawful age  
and being duly sworn deposes  
and says

Ques 1<sup>st</sup> do you know Martha  
Sadler

Ans - I do

Ques 2<sup>nd</sup>

Do you know of her committing  
Adultery after she was married  
to Thomas F Sadler

Ans - I do

Ques 3<sup>rd</sup> do you know how  
Thomas F Sadler treated Martha  
Sadler after he married her  
Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> He treated her well as  
far as I know



Que 4<sup>th</sup> Did you ever hear  
Martha Sadler say at any  
time that she did not intend  
to live with T. F. Sadler  
Ans 4<sup>th</sup>. I did after they  
were married and  
further this deponent saith  
not

Wm S. Ely,

Filed Aug.  
1886,  
J. C. Whitgate

Wm S. Sadler  
as J. C. Whitgate  
Martha Sadler



Thomas F. Sadler. Plaintiff  
Martha<sup>vs</sup> Sadler Def. in chancery

Virginia Lee County to wit  
Paul Gibson being duly sworn  
Deposes and says I have known  
Martha Sadler five years  
Ques. Do you know Martha Sadler  
Ans. I do.

Ques. Do you know of her  
committing adultery since she  
left T. F. Sadler

Ans. I do, with three different  
men

Ques. Has she any children

Ans. Yes she has two and says  
they belong to two men

Ques. In what year did it  
occur

Ans. In the years 1884 and 1885

Ques. Does she bear the name  
of a common prostitute

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Did you ever hear her say  
anything about living with  
T. F. Sadler

Ans. I heard her say she had  
left him without any cause  
and had cohabited with other  
men and she said she wished  
she had stayed with him



and behaved herself that the  
fault was all hers

to <sup>his</sup>  
Paul X Gibson  
mark

On Lee Co to wit

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1888

This day personally appeared before  
me and took the foregoing oath  
that the foregoing certificate by them  
subscribed is true sworn to before me  
this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1888

C. H. Marshall J. P.

The foregoing deposition, was  
taken before me at the time &  
place and for the purposes  
mentioned in the Caption, Subscr.  
ibed by the witnesses and sworn  
to before me by <sup>them</sup> on the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1888. Charles H. Marshall J. P.

+ Marie Collins



Virginia Lee County to wit  
Hattie Collins being duly sworn  
Deposes and says

Ques. Do you know Martha Sadler  
Ans. I Do

Ques Do you know of her committing  
adultery since she left F.  
H Sadler

Ans. Yes more than once

Ques. In what year was it

Ans In the year 1884

Hattie <sup>her</sup> Collins  
mark

Va Lee Co to wit

July 27th 1888

~~This day personally appeared before  
me and took the foregoing oath  
that foregoing certificate by him  
Subscribed is true sworn to before me  
this the 27 July 1888~~

~~C. W. Marshall J P~~



Thos. F. Sadaler

no 3 Depo.

Martha Sadaler

Rec'd from  
Justice before  
whom taken &  
filed Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 1888.

J. H. Hyatt &c



Virginia

Lee County to wit:

This day Thos. F. Sadler personally  
appeared before me and made  
oath in due form that Martha  
Sadler is a now resident  
of this State. April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1886.

J. A. G. Hyatt cc



Thos. H. Sadler

vs  $\frac{3}{3}$  Affidavit

Martha Sadler



69 Virginia

In the clerk's office of the circuit Court for Lee County on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1888.

Thomas A. Sadden Plff }  
vs } In Chancery  
Martha Sadder Deft }

The object of this suit, on amended Bill, is to obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony now existing between the Plff and Deft, and it appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause that the Defendant Martha Sadder is a now resident of this State, it is therefore ordered that she appear here within one month after due publication of this order to do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

A Copy

Richmond & Orr. P. Q.

Teste J. H. Hyatt



Thos. F. Sadleir

vs 3 Order Pub

Martha Sadleir

I certify that I  
delivered an office  
copy of the within  
order to the Editor  
of the Cumberland  
Eagle for publication  
on the 17. July 1888,  
and posted a like  
copy thereof at the  
front door of Geo  
Court House. at  
the Aug Term 1888  
of the County Court  
J. H. Hyatt  
cl



Virginia

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit  
Court for Lee County during vaca-  
tion on Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1886.

Thos. H. Sadler

Complainant

versus

Martha Sadler

Defendant

In Chief

The object of this suit is to have  
a decree entered in this cause  
dissolving the bonds of matrimony  
now existing between the Plaintiff  
and Defendant; and it appearing  
from an affidavit filed in this cause  
that the defendant Martha Sadler  
is a now resident of this State:

It is therefore ordered that she  
appear here within one month  
after due publication of this order  
and do what may be necessary to  
protect her interest in this suit;  
witness J. A. Hyatt Clerk

R. F. Orr P. C.



Thos. A. Sadler

vs  $\frac{1}{2}$  Order Deb.

Martha Sadler

I certify that I  
delivered to the Ed.  
Virginia Herald an  
office copy of this order  
for publication and  
posted a like copy  
on the front doors  
of Lee Court house  
at the May Term  
1884 of the County  
Court.

J. A. G. Hyatt

# The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff Of Lee County Greeting:

We Command You to Summon

*Martha Saddle*

To appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Courthouse on the first Monday  
in *August* next, being rule day to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court  
against *Chen* by

*Thomas F. Saddle*

And have then and there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Hyatt, Clerk of said Court at the Courthouse.

This *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *July* 18 *88*, in the 11 *3* year of the Commonwealth.

*J. A. G. Hyatt* Clerk.

A Copy Teste



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The Commonwealth of Virginia

Thomas F. Saddle

vs  $\frac{1}{2}$  Spainchey

Martha Saddle

Lo Aug. Rules 1888

Not executed the

deft. Saddle

your resident

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1888.

H. S. Filanary J. L. C.

And have then and there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Wyatt, Clerk of said Court at the Courthouse. This day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_ in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

Clerk.

A Copy Teste

VIRGINIA :

In the clerk's office of the circuit court for Lee County on the 17 day of July 1888.

Thomas F. Saddler	Plff.	} In Chcy.
vs		
Martha Saddler	Deflt.	

The object of this suit, on amended Bill, is to obtain a divorce from the bond of Matrimony now existing between the Pltf and deflt, and it appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause that the Defendant Martha Saddler is a non resident of this State it is therefore ordered that she appear here within one month after due publication of this order to do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

A copy

Teste J. A. G. Hyatt c. c.

Richmond & Orr P. Q. 7m 19d.

I am firm the legal notice hereto attached appeared four, success-  
ive times in the Lewis-  
burgland Eagle, during  
Aug. 16, 1888. Printed for \$5.00.  
M. D. L. Grabel Editor.

Fee paid by Plff.



Thomas S. Saddle

Publisher's  
Certificate

# Publisher's Certificate.

I, Jeff L Duff, JONESVILLE, VA., June 12, 1886,  
Publisher of the LEE COUNTY SUN,  
a weekly newspaper published at Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, do certify that the annexed  
Chancery Order was published four successive weeks in said newspaper, publication ending  
June 10th, 1886.

Jeff L Duff, Publisher.

*Publication fee paid 50¢*

VIRGINIA:—In the clerk's office of the circuit court for Lee county, during vacation, on Thursday, April 22d, 1886.

Thos. F. Sadler,	Complainant	} In Ch. cy.
<u>v. s.</u>		
Martha Sadler	Defendant.	

Subject of this suit is to have a decree entered in this cause dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the Plaintiff and the Defendant.. And it appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause, that the Defendant, Martha Sadler, is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore ordered that she appear here within one month after due publication of this order and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

A copy teste,  
R. & O., P. Q. J. A. G. Hyatt, C. C



Thos. A. Sadler  
vs. Pub. Certificate  
Martha Sadler

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paid